Other Important Dates:

April-May
Spring Nature Programs

Fridays April and May Indiana Master Naturalist

Sundays in April
Girl Scout Programs

End of May – Beginning of August Summer Camps

Mid August – Open for Hayride reservations

Last Sunday in August – Bug Fest

September and October Fall Nature Programs

Sundays in September Girl Scout Badge Days

Sept-Oct.
Hayride Season



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Dear Educator/Teacher,

Maple Syrup Season is mid-February thru mid-March

Come visit Southeastway Park and experience the exciting process of making maple syrup from sap. During this naturalist-led program, students will work with real tools used in sap collecting process, observe sap being made into syrup, and taste the delicious results. In addition, the program will cover parts of a tree and the historical aspects of maple syrup production. The program is offered mid-February thru mid-March. Program cost is \$6 per participant with a \$60 minimum. There is a discount for free or reduced lunch schools.

Typical Program:

Depth of topics adjusted to age level of group

- 1. Introduction of tree anatomy and functions
- 2. Identifying a sugar maple tree
- Tapping the tree—children use a brace and bit and hammer spiles into a log
- Native American legends and techniques of sugaring
- 5. How the pioneers used maple trees
- 6. Sap tasting and collecting
- See the evaporator in action —boiling the sap to make the final product
- 8. Filtering, finishing and grading the final product
- 9. A delicious taste of sweet golden maple syrup!





Students should dress to be outside—it may be cold or muddy
Students will receive a special treat!

Spots are filling up, call the park office to reserve your field trip.

